

OPINION 1288

SPHINX TIPULIFORMIS CLERCK, 1759 (INSECTA,
LEPIDOPTERA): CONSERVED

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *salmachus* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Sphinx salmachus*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *tipuliformis* Clerck, 1759, as published in the binomen *Sphinx tipuliformis*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2916.

(3) The specific name *salmachus* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Sphinx salmachus*, and as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1137.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2138

An application for the conservation of *Sphinx tipuliformis* Clerck, 1759, was first received from Dr N. P. Kristensen (*Universitets Zoologiske Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark*) on 1 August 1975. It was sent to the printer on 15 April 1980 and published on 25 September 1980 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, pp. 154–156. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general and eight entomological journals. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 12 March 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1984)13 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, p. 155. At the close of the voting period on 12 June 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes—twenty-one (21) received in the following order: Melville, Savage, Cocks, Willink, Schuster, Halvorsen, Trjapitzin, Starobogatov, Holthuis, Brinck, Mroczkowski, Binder, Corliss, Alvarado, Bayer, Uéno, Cogger, Kraus, Ride, Heppell, Lehtinen

Negative Vote—Hahn.

Dupuis abstained. No votes were returned by Bernardi and Sabrosky.

Hahn commented: 'Important details are missing here: are *salmachus* and *tipuliformis* objective or subjective synonyms, are their types preserved and, following this, should the relative precedence procedure not have been better used? These things are not clear and so I vote against.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion: *salmachus*, *Sphinx*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* ed. 10, vol. 1, p. 493 *tipuliformis*, *Sphinx*, Clerck, 1759, *Icones Insectorum rariorum...e C. Linn. Syst. Nat. allegatis*, pt. 1, pl. 9, fig. 1.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(84)13 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1288.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

11 July 1984